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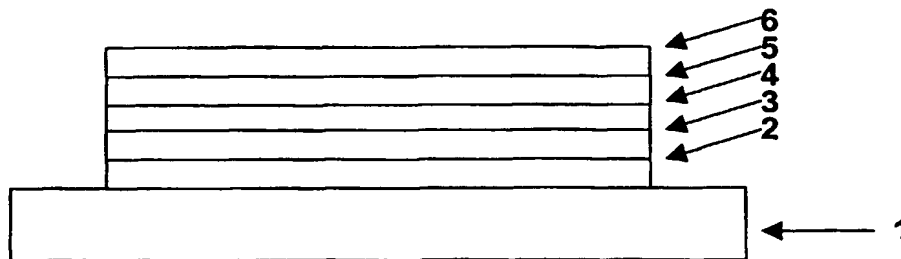
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a method of forming an optical device comprising the steps of; i) providing a substrate carrying a first electrode capable of injecting or accepting charge carriers of a first type; ii) depositing a polyfluorene over the first electrode; and iii) forming over the polyfluorene a second electrode capable of injecting or accepting charge carriers of a second type, wherein the polyfluorene is heated before and after forming the second electrode. The invention has particular application in the preparation of organic light emitting devices.

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